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## NOTES BY A TRAVELER

Dear Mr. Editor:

It has been some time since the writer gave to your many readers an account of his going to and fro in the interest of the Voorhees Normal and Industrial School of Denmark, the Tuskegee of South Carolina.

Our first visit for mention was made to Atlanta, Ga., in company with Prof. A. W. Nicholson, principal of the Bettis Academy of Trenton, S. C. The meeting was called by Superintendent of Bureau of Education, W. D. Claxton of Washington, D. C. A bringing together of the heads of all the vocational schools from Virginia to Texas to discuss the benefits of vocational education upon the rural life of the Negro. The meeting lasted two days, November 18-19. The sessions being held in the capital building in the Senate chamber, and your humble servant occupying what he never dreamed as possible, a seat in the Senate of the great State of Georgia. Nolens volens, we must agree with Dr. Silas X. Floyd that Georgia is the first and foremost State in the Union. We learned at this meeting, that last year the State of Texas appropriated for Negro education over eight hundred thousand dollars, Louisiana appropriated two hundred and sixty-seven thousand, and South Carolina came next with an appropriation of one hundred and sixteen thousand for Negro education. Our speech before the gathering was not long, but we got this statement recorded in the proceedings that in Bamberg County where the Voorhees School is located, that the Negroes in 1919 purchased and paid for seven thousand acres of land. During our stay in Atlanta, the first day the delegation was most royally entertained at dinner by Clark University, and on the second day by the Gammon Theological Seminary in their handsome dining hall. Professor Nicholson voiced our sentiments, when he exclaimed, that Negro education is engaging the attention of the United States government as never before, and soon all vocational schools will receive government aid.

Our next visit, December 10, was scheduled for New York City, for the purpose of having a "face to face" talk with Dr. Wallace Buttrick, chairman of the general education board. En route, we stopped in Philadelphia, Pa., and obtained the following letter of introduction to Dr. Buttrick:

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.

Dr. Wallace Buttrick,  
New York City.

My Dear Dr. Buttrick: This will introduce to you Rev. E. R. Roberts, who is the principal of the Voorhees Normal and Industrial School of Denmark, S. C., a school for the training of colored young men and young women. I have known Mr. Roberts intimately for a number of years. He made a splendid record as a State Sunday School worker in the employ of the American Baptist Publication Society for a number of years. His praise is in all the churches and schools in that part of the South land.

Two years ago, he was called to his present work as principal of the Voorhees School. I visited the school last May and preached the "Baccalaureate" sermon to a splendid graduating class of fine young folks. There was a great congregation present on that occasion. They have a number of unusually fine school buildings and there are big possibilities ahead of them. Their campus, for a school of this sort, is one of the best that I have seen in the South land. They are especially in need of a new chapel building; their present building being altogether unsuited and inadequate for their needs. I have no hesitancy in saying that any money given towards their proposed new chapel building, will be the best kind of investment. Any service you may be able to render to Mr. Roberts will be greatly appreciated by myself. He is a most worthy brother; true, tried and dependable.

With every good wish, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

S. G. Nell,

Bible and Field Secretary American Baptist Publication Society.

Before leaving for New York City, we filled the pulpit of Rev. A. R. Robinson of the Shiloh Baptist Church. Dr. Robinson was just recovering from a severe attack of indigestion, which rendered him as the French say, "hors de combat." We preached in his

## SECOND GET-TOGETHER MEETING RACE CONFERENCE PROMOTERS.

Tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock the second get-together meeting of Columbians preparatory to the great Race Conference next week, February 16th and 17th, will be held at First Calvary Baptist Church. All lovers of good music and short and helpful speeches should avail themselves of the opportunity to attend this meeting. Come early and get comfortable seats. Bring your whole family with you.

stead, morning and night to an audience that filled the auditorium from pulpit to door, earnestly pointing to the repentance that leads to God, and to faith in Jesus our Lord. At the night service, seven joined for baptism. The Church was just finishing up a drive for ten thousand dollars; and they collected every dollar of the amount in one month. An after collection of \$35.00 was given us for the work at Voorhees. We give the following from a recent letter to us from Dr. Robinson.

"I am writing to report to you my condition at this time. I am considerably improved in health and hope, ere long, to be able to take hold and handle my work. It is really beautiful the patience and sympathy which my church is exercising during my illness. They are doing things for me that I did not dream they would do. Every little detail is being looked after and done for my comfort. They do not want me to worry about one thing, as they are willing to wait until I am well. This is very kind of them. All of my needs are being taken care of by them in every way, and with great delight. Such things as I can eat they delight to furnish. All of this tends to lighten my burden and make it possible for me to early regain my health and strength. I enjoyed very much your presence, and it came at a time when I needed it. The two sermons you preached at Shiloh will never be forgotten. I guess the Lord sent you here just at the time with these two splendid messages for the people, and to give cheer and comfort to me."

We left for New York City on Wednesday, December 15th, arriving there safe and sound, and found a royal welcome to the home of Rev. J. B. F. Coleman, who was for several years chaplain of the Voorhees School, which he resigned to accept the Presidency of Liberia College of Monrovia, Liberia. Dr. Coleman is at present taking a post-graduate course at Columbia University, preparatory to his return to Africa. After transacting our business with the General Education Board and returning to our habitat, we met the Rev. H. L. Jones, D. D., who is a graduate of Columbia University, and at present pastor of the Baptist Church at Yonkers, N. Y. We spent the night at his hospitable home enjoying the many good things of life joyfully provided.

Dr. Jones is formally of Virginia, and he is thinking of returning South. We have invited him to come to South Carolina, it being the garden spot of the world. Churches in the State in need of a pastor might write him. His address is No. 248 W 133d street. The Christmas holidays being near at hand we decided to return home and receive our Santa Claus under our vine and fig tree.

Our next visit found us at the Tuskegee Institute, attending the Annual "Farmers' Conference by special invitation of Dr. R. R. Moton, the principal, who asked us to deliver an address on "Why the Compulsory School Law as applied to the Negro child was largely ineffective. We delivered the same before the Worker's Conference. The Montgomery Advertiser (daily) spoke most flatteringly of our speech, for we dealt with the cause rather than the effect.

The Annual Farmers' Conference of Tuskegee brings to its campus not only the farmers, but the heads of schools and educators from the entire South land. Not to visit the conference is to miss one of the greatest meetings annually held for the uplift of the race. Dr. Booker T. Washington laid the foundation of Tuskegee, but Dr. Moton is erecting a superstructure greater and grander than any leader of the race in America ever dreamed of. Long may he live to bless and be a blessing to the race.

E. R. Roberts.

## SOUTH CAROLINA RACE CONFERENCE

1. th Annual Session, February 16-17, Columbia, S. C.

You are cordially invited to be present at the 17th Annual Session of the South Carolina Race Conference to be held in Columbia February 16th and 17th, 1921. The following speakers have been invited to address the meeting:

Wednesday morning, 9:30 to 12:00—The Educational Division meets at Sidney Park Church, Pres. R. S. Wilkinson, leading, assisted by Prof. T. L. Duckett, Benedict College, and Mrs. C. G. Garrett, Supervisor Schools, Richland County.

Wednesday morning, 9:30 to 12:00—The Farmers' Division, leader, Mr. J. E. Dickson, U. S. Demonstrator, Richland County, assisted by R. W. Westberry, Sumter County, and Mr. F. W. Williams, Richland County.

Wednesday, 9:30 to 12:00—State Y. M. C. A., leader, Dr. Hodges, State Secretary.

Wednesday afternoon, 2:30—Conference Mass Meeting. Address by Mr. E. J. Sawyer and Dr. Hodges.

Wednesday night, at 8:00 p. m.—First Calvary Baptist Church, address by Mayor R. J. Blalock, president Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Senator Niel Christensen, Gov. R. H. Cooper. Reply, Pres. R. S. Wilkinson.

Address—Bishop R. E. Jones, Sidney Park Church.

Thursday 9:30 to 12:00, Health Division. Leader, Mrs. L. J. Rhodes, assisted by Dr. E. A. Huggins and Miss A. A. Nelson

Thursday morning, 9:30 to 12:00—State Business League Meeting. Leader, Mr. E. J. Sawyer, Pres. Bank Bennettsville, S. C., assisted by Mr. R. W. Westberry, Secretary State Business League and Mr. L. B. Woods, Treasurer State Business League.

Thursday morning, 9:30 to 12:00—Religious Section. Leaders, Rev. P. P. Watson, Missionary Baptist State Convention, assisted by Rev. J. F. Green, Rev. N. F. Haywood, and Rev. D. F. Thompson.

Thursday, 2:30 p. m.—Official Business Meeting, to which the public is invited.

Thursday night—Address by Wm. H. Johnson, M. D., Charleston, S. C., Senator Allen Johnson, and Rev. Mark T. Carlisle (M. E. Church, South.)

### Committee.

L. S. LEEVY, President,  
MRS. L. F. HOLMES, Vice President,  
T. L. DUCKETT, Secretary,  
L. B. WOOD, Treasurer.

## SECOND CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bull Street, Between Taylor and Hampton Streets.

Invites you and your friends to worship with them at all of their services.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 10 a. m. Sunday School.

Sunday 11 a. m., Morning Service.

Sunday 6 p. m., B. Y. P. U.

Sunday 7:30 p. m., Evening Service.

H. M. Moore, A. B., D. D., Pastor.

## LETTERS FROM REV. AND MRS. G. A. BURKE, WEST COAST AFRICA.

Lott Carey Mission,

Brewerville, Liberia,

West Coast Africa, Dec., 1920.

My Dear Rev. Carroll: I hope everything is running smoothly with you. I have been keeping very busy with just such work as Rev. Burke describes to you in his letter. He asked me to supplement his letter by relating this incident to you. I went out the other day as a "sister of mercy" looking for objects of pity. I heard of a suffering family. I succeeded in reaching their hut after wading water, and found four in family who were seriously sick, all of whom were lying on the ground half starved, with nothing under them but an old piece of matting, with no one to do anything for them. I rendered them all the assistance I could. Three are better, one of whom has accepted Christ and will be baptized Sunday. I believe I am especially adapted for just such work. It is the work that I was instructed to do, but necessity compels me to put much time in the classroom.

After diagnosing the cases above mentioned as best I could, I found that the principle medicine they needed was something to eat. As all of them were suffering with an acute attack of starvation, I sent up a prescription to Rev. Burke for a little foodstuff. The prescription was filled, the medicine met the demand, and now the patients are on the go. They come from time to time to thank us for services rendered. I told them that their souls are in a worse condition than their bodies were, and that Jesus Christ, who had sent me there to heal their bodies, is the only physician who could heal their souls and save them from eternal death, the dreadful results of the sin-sick diseases.

They are anxious to have Him do so, and listen attentively while we explain to them the wonderful plans of salvation.

Kindest regards to all.

Faithfully yours,

Marie E. Burke.

Lott Carey Mission,

Brewerville, Liberia,

West Coast Africa, Dec., 1920.

Dear Brother Carroll.

Words cannot be found in the English language with which to express the joy that your kind and welcome letter brought to our hearts. We are getting along very well under the prevailing circumstances. The future hope of Liberia depends almost all together upon the quantity and quality of missionary work done here. We have the same problem to face here that you have done so much toward solving in America, namely, to bring about a better feeling between some of the Liberians and some of the natives, as the relation between the Liberians and the natives, as I see it, is about like that which exists between the white man and the Negro in America.

There are many evils here to retard the progress of the country, which must be overcome. Some of them, the laws of the country are against, and assist the missionary in suppressing. I will name a few of the great evils which are hindering the progress of the country: First, strong drinks. The public sale of strong drink is permitted, and whiskey is imported in large quantities. Second, the virtual existence of slavery what I would call blind tiger slavery, because the laws of the country being against it. It is carried on in an underground way. For instance, a child may be pawned for a certain sum of money in case the owner of the child, some of his people, or some one interested in his freedom fails to redeem him. He is compelled to work for the person to whom he is pawned as long as he lives, without receiving anything for his labor save the food which he eats. The son of a chief was in our mission. The chief died. The next week his mother carried him off and pawned him for the sum of \$480. A third great evil is a society known

## NOTICE.

A Religious Congress to be Held at

Morris College Tuesday, Feb. 22d.

On Tuesday, February 22d (George Washington's Birthday), Rev. J. J. Starks, president of Morris College, Sumter, S. C., invites the ministers of all denominations in the Pee Dee section to come to the chapel of Morris College at 9:30 a. m. until 12:00 noon and hear a great sermon on "Evangelism" by a gentleman, who comes from the far north. Afterwards we will have short statements by the South Carolina brethren of all denominations.

Come, A Free Dinner Given to All. The singing during the day will be done by a hundred voices. Good music will be played by the best band in the State. Your soul will be filled with power upon leaving these hallowed grounds.

J. J. Starks, Pres. Morris College.  
Richard Carroll, Columbia, S. C., Assistant for this day's meeting.

as a Leopard Society. Leopards are very numerous in this country. They give the people much trouble attacking their goats, sheep, hogs and cows, carrying them off in the bush and eating them, but a leopard will not attack a person unless he is wounded. The Leopard Society is a set of cannibals or men who eat human flesh. They disguise themselves by putting on a leopard skin and crawling about pretending to be a wounded leopard. When he sees an unarmed person by himself. He carries in his hand a dagger with which he stabs his prey.

The laws of the country are strictly against the society, and the executives are doing all they can to exterminate it. But it being a secret society, it will take time. The people here seem to be great believers in society. The strongest society out here, from our point of view, is the Griggle Bush, or Devil Bush, as it is commonly called. The members of this society publicly own the devil as their captain. They practice witchcraft.

Time will not permit me to describe this society in full. Hope to tell you more about it at a later date, also of our controversies with the Mohammedans.

I have a very bright boy, which I hope you will support in our school. We have several children who need scholarships. We make \$25.00 per year support a child, and some of our children are almost grown. A very small sum indeed, but somehow by the help of the good Lord we get through by supplementing the scholarship funds with a part of our salary.

We have just closed a successful revival meeting at the Zion Grove Baptist Church, of which the Rev. J. O. Hays is pastor. Twenty-three accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, among whom was a notorious infidel. This infidel was a hard nut to crack, as he would not visit church to hear the gospel preached. A committee was formed, consisting of Sisters A. Hays, L. Smart, A. Moore, C. Bowens, P. Bryant, Bryant again and Marie E. Burke. They went to his house, which was about four miles away. At first he made them very unwelcome. He told them he had no time to bother with them and they had better go back home. When they insisted on him, he began abusing them in harsh language. He assured them that he did not appreciate their interest at all, and that it was none of their business how he died or where he would go after death. He did not believe in God or Jesus Christ, neither did he believe that there was a heaven or hell. The Bible to him was no more than any other book. He got so angry with them that he cried and tried to drive them from his house. But instead of going they forced him in the house and entered themselves, singing "I Dreamed That the Great Judgment Morning Had Dawned and the Trumpet Had Blown." After singing, Mrs. Burke read a passage of Scripture and laid her hand no his head and prayed as if they were ordaining him to the gospel ministry. All of the sisters prayed. At the close of the meeting he seemed to have had a better spirit toward them. He then thanked them for showing their interest in him, but still he claimed that he did not have time to go to church. Furthermore, he was living in a house alone and had no one to look after his things while he was away. But the spirit of God prevailed and some time during that night he became anxious about the

## LOOKING OVER THE FIELD.

Notes by Rev. Richard Carroll.

Since leaving Voorhees Industrial school, Denmark, S. C., I have spent a number of most comfortable days with Dr. J. W. Boykin and Deacon T. J. Boykin of Camden, and lastly, with Rev. A. W. Hill, D. D., and family at Alken, the famous winter resort.

I went into the country to look around Storm Branch Academy. At this school cleanliness abounds.

Though six miles in the country, where the Union met, the church, steps and surroundings were clean.

In Alken, S. C., the drug store of Dr. C. C. Johnson is one of the most up-to-date; and I don't mean of colored drug stores, but of all drug stores in South Carolina. His patronage comes from both races, from the lowest to the highest. Politeness, courtesy and grace abounds. In Dr. Johnson, the Baptists of South Carolina have one of the greatest laymen, with ability to preside at, and on all occasions anywhere in America.

At the parsonage Rev. A. W. Hill and his wife spared no pains in making me comfortable. As costly as chickens are, they had chickens on the table from their own yard. Mrs. Hill is a good cook from "Old Virginia." She is among the young women who knows how to make corn-bread eatable when only made of water, salt and meal. Good fires were in my room and the study. Bro. Hill has two diplomas; one from Benedict College and one from the Union University of Virginia. He is still digging away at Science and Philosophy. Say what you may, I believe he is one of the many who is struggling to do right.

Rev. W. Kenner lives in this city. He has just married a wife and is as happy as a lark. Both he and his wife have property and they have a plantation together.

Next Sunday, I go to Bluffton, S. C., somewhere on the coast near Savannah, Ga., with my old friend as manager, the Rev. J. M. Glenn, of the A. M. E. Church. He tells me that he has the co-operation of the Baptists for ten miles around and other citizens, white and colored. So next Sunday he hopes to have a great meeting.

### Some Notes.

The Rev. Richard Carroll states that he was partly instrumental in getting the Rev. G. A. Burke in the Lott Carey Convention as a missionary in Africa. Without calling names just now, he has reliable information that some money is going forward to help Rev. Burke educate ten students in the Brewerville, Liberia Normal and Industrial school, West Coast Africa. The editor of The Indicator is right. Make the preachers, teachers and others who we advertise in papers, pay for it. My writings are free, but the publisher should have pay for all advertisements.

It is said that Mrs. Cora Boykin will be the general manager of the Negro Baptist hospital that is to be in Columbia. She can manage the women and men folks of Baptist persuasion, well.

welfare of his soul. He got up the next morning and moved everything he had to a neighbor's house, employed the neighbor to keep them for him, and left home for church, declaring that he would never return home again until he had found Jesus, precious to his soul, and that he did.

They came in contact with another infidel, who delighted in cursing Christ. Calling Him a bastard and so forth, but now he is seeing the Saviour. He ran away from his home when he found that a committee was coming to see him, and went to the house of the Justice of the Peace, whom he thought had directed them to his house, and cursed him shamefully. He dodged them like a criminal would dodge a posse of sheriffs. But, like a posse of sheriffs, they followed him until they found him, and took him by force in the midst of his blasphemy and carried him to the nearest house, where they read, sang and prayed for him. The next day he was found looking for them to pray for him again.

I am asking Mrs. Burke to relate to you another incident which time does not permit me to do just now. Thanking you in advance for assistance rendered and remaining your most loving brother and ever-lasting friend.

G. A. Burke.